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**Annual Report**  
**1996**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OFFICERS**

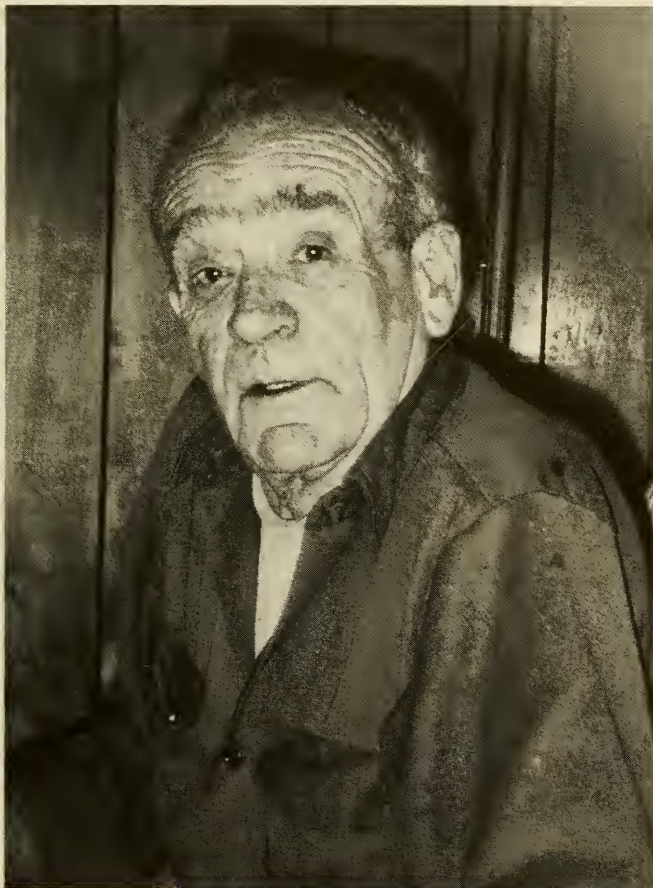
**Of The Town Of  
Dorchester, New Hampshire**

**Year Ended  
December 31, 1996**

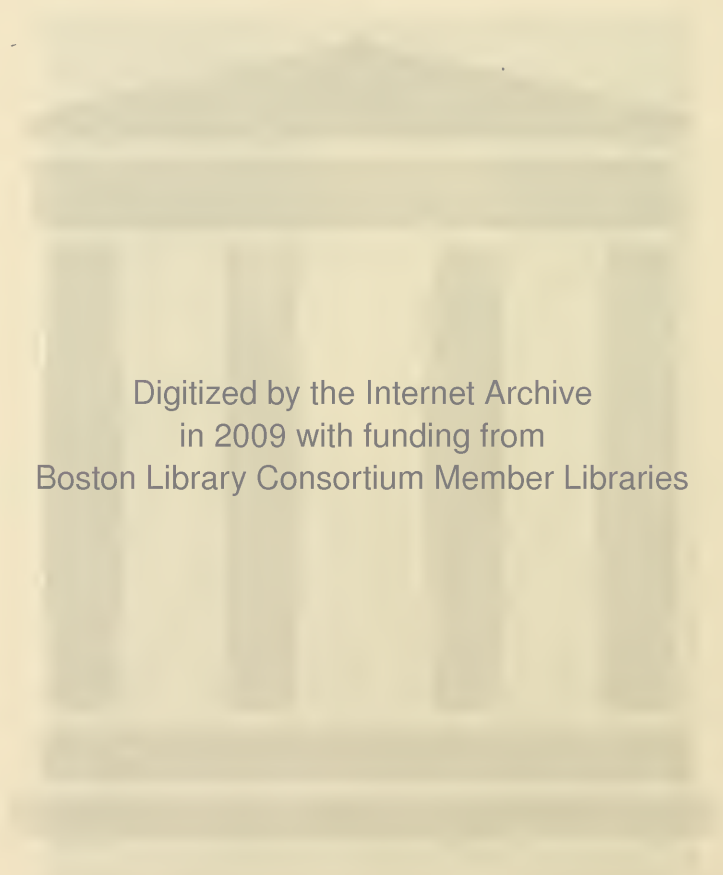


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Dorchester Selectman  
17 Years



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# **DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS — 1996**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

David A. Morrill '97 (C)

Nella H. Ashley '99

Michael A. Landry' '98

## **MODERATOR**

Henry L. Melanson '98

## **TOWN TREASURER**

Walter H. Morgan '97  
Christine Morgan, Dep.

## **TOWN CLERK**

Martha Morrill '97  
Veronica Barton, Dep

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Delbert G. Pratt '97  
Marilyn Pratt, Dep.

## **ROAD AGENT**

George C. Conkey'97

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER      FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Jean R. Belair, Sr.

Jay Legg '97

## **HEALTH OFFICER**

Blanche A. MacDonald '97

## **PERMIT OFFICE**

David Morrill, (C)  
Bd. of Slcmn.

## **WELFARE DIRECTOR**

Alice E. Melanson

## **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

Winslow Hallowell '97

Brian A. Howe '99

Brenda A. Howe '99

## **AUDITORS**

Cindy Azotea'97

Martha Walker '97

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

**Christine Morgan '99**

## Marima Belair '2002

Marilyn Pratt '98

## PLANNING BOARD

Linda Landry, '99

Larry Russeau '97

David A. Morrill, Slc. Rep. '97

Walter H. Morgan '99

**Michael A. Landry, Ex-Officio Alt. '98**

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Larry Russeau, Ch.& PB Rep. '97

**Michael A. Landry, Slc. Rep., '98**

David A. Morrill, Ex-Officio Alt. '97

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mary Morrissey '99

## Christine Morgan '98

Rita Butcher '97

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

**Martha L. Walker '97**

## Wellman Wright '99

### Christine Morgan '98

## REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

## Vacant

## REPRESENTATIVES, UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## Vacant

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert Pon (C) '99

Christine Morgan '99

Mary Morrissey '97

David Yetman '96

Martha Walker '99

Nella H. Ashley, S1c. Rep.

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

Cathy Cote '99

## **REPRESENTATIVES TO MASCOMA HEALTH COUNCIL**

Herbert Noel

Ruby Noel

## **MEETING TIMES AND HOURS**

Board of Selectmen:	Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476
Town Clerk:	Every Wednesday 9 am. to 12 noon & 3:30 to 6:00 pm. Last Friday of month 9 am. to 12 noon Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476
Tax Collector:	No set time/hours, Town House Rd. Phone 523-7374 (Home)
Planning Board	2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Office
Board of Adjustment:	As required, 7:30 pm., Selectmen's Office
Library:	Wed. 1-3 pm., Thurs. 3-6 pm., Sat. 10 -noon
Transfer Station:	Wednesday 12:00 - 4:00 Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 Sunday 9:00 - 1:00 Check for changes in Summer hours (July 1 - Labor Day)

## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

### **IN ANY EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911**

Fire:	Canaan	1-448-1212
	Rumney	1-524-1545
F.A.S.T. Squad	Canaan	523-4343
Police:	(Troop F, Twin Mountain)	
		1-800-852-3411
		1-800-846-5517

# **TOWN WARRANT**

## **The State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 1997 at 7:00 o'clock in the p.m. for the Town Meeting's First Deliberative Session.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Saturday, the 29th day of March at 10 o'clock in the a. m. to read the results of the First Deliberative Session.

You are hereby notified that voting in said Dorchester will take place on Tuesday, the 8th day of April at the Town Hall between the hours of 11 o'clock in the a.m. and 7 o'clock in the p.m. to vote for Town officers, Town Warrant Articles, questions on the ballot, School officers and School Warrant Articles

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt polling hours in Dorchester at all Federal Elections, to become effective upon passage of this article, under which the polls shall open not later than 11 o'clock in the morning.
3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Recommended by Selectmen.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property by public auction, sealed bid, or as justice may require in accordance with RSA 80:80. This shall include the authority to deed a parcel back to the previous owner in return for payment of all past due taxes, which would have been assessed if the property had not been tax deeded. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any such sale. Recommended by the Selectmen.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-B, and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for

purposes for which the town may legally appropriate money. Recommended by the Selectmen.

6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund .....	\$5,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund .....	5,000.00
Bridges Fund .....	2,500.00
Purchase of Town Property Fund .....	1,000.00
Revaluation of Property Fund .....	3,000.00

Recommended by the Selectmen.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand six hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$23,688.00) for the purchase of 9.87 acres of land located on Streeter Road, a portion of lot #380, currently owned by Ronald and Josephine Milburn, with this appropriation to be funded by withdrawal of the entire amount from the Capital Reserve Purchase Property Fund. This article is designated as a special warrant article. Recommended by the Selectmen.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of painting the exterior of the Town Hall and for painting and minor repairs to the kitchen. This article is designated as a special warrant article. Recommended by Selectmen.

9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, provided, however, that no acceptance of personal property by the library trustees shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of such personal property. And further to require that prior to the acceptance of such gift, valued at over \$5,000. the public library trustees shall hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance. (Petitioned article) Recommended by the Selectmen.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the repairing of Town Bridges, with this appropriation to be funded by withdrawal of the entire amount from the Capital Reserve Bridges Fund. This appropriation will be non-lapsing until December 31,1998. Recommended by the Selectmen.



11. Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Dorchester, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$13,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$18,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$23,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$15,000. or if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400. and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000. Recommended by the Selectmen.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to require road damage and/or fire protection bonds for activities on Class VI roads, private roads, or on any way or property, not normally maintained by the Town or serviced by commonly used emergency vehicles. Recommended by the Selectmen.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-nine thousand five hundred dollars and eighty-two cents (\$179,500.82) to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts raised in Articles 6,7,8 and 10.) Recommended by the Selectmen.

14. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February 1997.

David A. Morrill  
Michael A. Landry  
Nella H. Ashley  
Selectmen, Town of Dorchester



# DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

Purposes of Appropriation RSA 31:4	Appropriations 1996	Expenditures 1996	Underspent 1996	Overspent 1996	Recommend 1997
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## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Officers' Salaries .....	\$10,000.00	9,648.18	351.82	\$	\$10,000.00
Town Officers' B'xpenses .....	13,000.00	14,053.15		1,053.15	15,000.00
Election & Registration .....	1,800.00	1,673.75	126.25		1,800.00
General Government Buildings .....	2,500.00	7,098.50		4,598.50	2,500.00
Planning & Development .....	400.00	121.60	278.40		400.00
Property Appraisal .....	1,000.00	360.00	640.00		750.00
Legal Expenses .....	7,500.00	5,489.06	2,010.94		7,500.00
Regional Associations .....	1,200.00	1,295.00		95.00	1,400.00
Town Reports & Mailing .....	1,500.00	1,107.50	392.50		1,500.00
Timber Survey Fund .....	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00		1,200.00
Cemeteries .....	1,300.00	1,300.00			1,300.00
Contingency Fund .....	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00		1,000.00

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Forest Fire Protection .....	1,000.00	389.20	610.80		\$1,000.00
Fire Dept. Contracts .....	13,000.00	16,081.24		3,081.24	15,000.00
Police Department .....	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
Animal Control .....	750.00	358.76	391.24		750.00
B911 & Emergency Management .....	400.00	64.23	335.77		1,500.00

## HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES

Town Maintenance.....	47,300.00	52,411.59	5,111.59	50,000.00
Gen. Hwy. Exp. (Block Grant) .....	25,050.26	25,050.26		28,210.94
F.E.M.A.....	6,987.00	1,800.00	5,187.00	5,187.00

#### SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal .....	11,123.91	11,123.91		\$10,849.00
Solid Waste Planning, Pemi-Baker .....	3.91	3.91		17.06
NHRRRA Dues .....	86.82	86.82		86.82

#### HEALTH

Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad .....	750.00	750.00		1,500.00
Mascoma Home Health Services .....	1,350.00	1,350.00		1,350.00
Plymouth Task Force Against Violence .....	300.00	300.00		300.00
Grafton Co. Senior Citizens Council .....	500.00	500.00		500.00
Plymouth Regional Clinic .....	300.00	300.00		300.00

#### WELFARE

General Assistance (Includes Town .....	7,500.00	2,886.53	4,613.47	\$7,500.00
Support of CAP & Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services, Welfare Director's salary & expenses)				

#### CULTURE & RECREATION

Dorchester Community Library .....	250.00	250.00		\$ 250.00
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#### DEBT SERVICE

Int. Expense - Tax Anticipation Loan .....	2,000.00	785.12	1,214.88	\$ 2,000.00
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# MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance .....	10,000.00	4,962.00	5,038.00	\$ 7,500.00
Unemployment Compensation .....	250.00	107.74	142.26	250.00
Tax Refunds .....	1,000.00	29.75	970.25	1,000.00

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

APPROPRIATIONS .....	\$172,401.90	\$161,737.80	\$24,603.58	\$13,939.48	\$179,500.82
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# SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Help restore pit condition .....	1,500.00	1,500.00		\$ 0.00
Purchase Small Pick-up Truck .....	1,200.00	1,126.39	73.61	0.00
Withdraw from Cap.Res. Purch.Prop.Fund ...	0.00	0.00		23,688.00
Install Heat in Town House .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Painting/Minor Repairs at Town House .....	0.00	0.00		3,000.00
Withdraw from Cap.Res.Bridges Fund ...	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00

# Capital Reserve Funds:

Town Buildings .....	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
Highway Equipment .....	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
Bridges .....	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
Purchase of Town Property .....	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Revaluation of Property .....	2,000.00	2,000.00		3,000.00
TOTAL SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ...	\$28,200.00	\$23,126.39	\$5,073.61	\$48,188.00

GENERAL GOV'T APPROPRIATIONS	\$172,401.90	\$161,737.80	\$24,603.58	13,939.48	\$179,500.82
TOWN SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	28,200.00	23,126.39	5,073.61	0.00	48,188.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$200,601.90	\$184,864.19	\$29,677.19	\$13,939.48	\$227,688.82

# EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOOL and COUNTY TAXES

# SOURCES OF REVENUES

Sources of Revenues	Selectmens' 1996 Budget	Actual 1996 Revenues	Selectmens' 1997 Estimate
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## TAXES

Yield Taxes .....	\$15,000.00	\$23,452.96	\$18,000.00
Int. & penalties on Taxes .....	3,000.00	13,478.94	4,000.00
Land Use Change Tax .....	1,000.00	0.00	500.00

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES - STATE.

Shared Revenues - Block Grant.. .....	7,939.00	7,939.00	7,939.00
Highway Block Grant .....	25,050.26	25,050.26	28,210.94
State/Federal Forest Lands .....	400.00	760.57	667.63
Room & Meals Tax .....	0.00	3,141.53	2,500.00
Fire Training Reimbursement .....	0.00	183.61	150.00
Mascoma School District .....	45.00	45.00	60.00

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL - FEDERAL

F.E.M.A .....	0.00	6,987.00	0.00
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## LICENSES & PERMITS

Motor Vehicles Permit Fees .....	20,000.00	23,950.00	22,000.00
Dog Licenses .....	400.00	447.50	400.00
Permits & Filing Fees .....	75.00	542.50	250.0

## MISCELLLENEOUS

Interest on Deposits .....	1,500.00	1,576.48	1,500.00
Planning & Development .....	50.00	50.00	100.00
Supervisors of Checklist .....	0.00	80.00	0.00
Insurance Refunds .....	0.00	63.09	0.00
Sale of Old Town Equipment .....	100.00	0.00	0.00
CU Filing Fees .....	0.00	48.14	0.00
Other .....	50.00	112.50	50.00

## OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Withdraw from Capital Reserve			
Purchase Property Fund .....	0.00	0.00	23,688.00
Withdraw from Cap.Res.-Bridges .....	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES .....	\$79,609.26	\$108,100.08	\$115,015.57
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....	\$193,614.90	\$193,614.90	227,688.82
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TOTAL REVENUES .....	79,609.26	108,100.08	115,015.57
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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$114,005.64	85,514.82	122,673.25
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## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Net Land Value, 27,795.68 A .....	\$ 8,411,517.00	
Less Tax Exempt Lands .....	\$ 632,878.00	
Net Taxable Land Value .....	\$	7,778,639.00
C.U. Valuation, 24,889.10 A. ....	\$ 2,729,659.00	
Land (All Other) 2,906.58 A. ....	\$ 5,048,980.00	
Buildings (All) .....	\$ 9,412,020.00	
Less Tax Exempt Buildings .....	\$ 170,300.00	
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation. ....	\$	9,241,720.00
Public Utilities - NH Elect. Co-op. Lines. ....	\$	691,775.00
Total Valuation Before Exeptions .....	\$	17,712,134.00
Elderly Exemptions .....	\$	50,000.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed. ....	\$	17,662,134.00

## TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATES

Net Assessed Valuation .....	\$	17,662,134.00	
Town Property Taxes Assessed .....	\$	353,537.91	
Less War Service Tax Credits .....	\$	3,450.00	
Net Property Tax Commitment .....	\$	350,086.91	
Tax Rate per \$1,000 .....	\$	19.90	
Municipal .....	\$ 2.40	County .....	\$ 1.20
School. ....	\$16.30		

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Building. ....	\$	94,000.00
Contents .....	\$	1,350.00
Selectmens' Office/ Library, Land & Building .....	\$	30,900.00
Contents .....	\$	5,000.00
Police Dept. Equipment .....	\$	100.00
Highway department, Equipment & Materials .....	\$	60,000.00
Historical Museum .....	\$	12,400.00
Other Town Land .....	\$	10,800.00
Forest Fire Equipment .....	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL .....	\$	215,550.00

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1996

### ASSETS:

Cash .....	\$	85,685.96
Funds in custody of Treasurer .....	\$85,685.96	
Unredeemed Taxes - .....	\$	103,509.29
From Levy of 1994 .....	\$45,741.04	
From Prior Years .....	\$57,768.25	
Uncollected Taxes .....	\$	60,309.66
Prior Years .....	\$55,250.81	
Yield Taxes .....	\$ 3,298.85	
Land Use Change .....	\$ 1,760.00	
Total Assets .....	\$	249,504.91

### LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:		
School Taxes Payable, Jan-June 1997 .....	\$	148,786.50
Balance due Canaan Fire Dept .....	\$	1,130.26
Total Liabilities .....	\$	149,916.76
Fund Balance (Excess of Assets over Liabilities) .....	\$	99,588.15

### Reconciliation:

Fund Balance, December 31, 1995 .....	\$	120,452.54
Fund Balance, December 31, 1996 .....	\$	99,588.15
Change in Financial Condition .....	-\$	20,864.39





# AUDITOR'S REPORT

We the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Trustees, Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds, and find them correctly and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Walker  
Cindy Azotea

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 1995

Figures taken from Report of Clerk to Treasurer forms submitted to Treasurer Walter Morgan by former Town Clerk Lynn Carter:

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1996 .....	\$ 5.00
Number of Cars Registered - 145 .....	\$9,298.00
Filing Fees - 9 .....	9.00
UCC Filing Fees - 6 .....	90.00
Dog Licenses - 49 .....	309.50
Returned Check Plus Fee .....	215.00
Photo Copies .....	4.00
Total Remitted to Treasurer as of 6/4/96 .....	\$9,925.50
Cash on hand, June 4, 1996 .....	\$ 5.00

The Town's Clerk Report for the 1/1/96 thru 6/4/96 period is subject to change upon receipt of the Auditor's Report.

### June 10, 1996 to December 31, 1996

Cash on hand, July 17, 1996 .....	\$100.00
Car Registrations - 243 .....	\$14,473.00
Title Fees - 30 .....	60.00
UCC Filings - 11 .....	165.00
Dog Licenses - 20 .....	136.00
Vital Statistic Fees .....	223.00
Returned Check Fees .....	56.00
Potocopies and postage .....	10.32
MAF Fees .....	17.50
Overpayments .....	6.75
Total remitted to Treasurer .....	\$15,147.57
Cash on hand, 12/31/96 .....	\$100.00

Submitted by Martha J. Morrill, Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Dorchester, N.H.  
Year Ending 12-31-96

Uncollected Taxes - Beg. of Year:	1996	Prior
Property Taxes .....		\$ 78,842.88
Land Use Change .....		\$ 1,760.00
Yield Taxes .....		\$ 1,050.78
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes .....	353,914.62	
Land Use Change .....	0.00	
Yield Taxes .....	25,701.03	
Overpayment on Property Taxes .....	6.75	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes .....	324.34	\$ 7,461.11
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>379,946.74</b>	<b>\$89,114.77</b>
Remitted to treasurer during FY:		
Property Taxes .....	298,945.30	\$ 78,681.74
Yield Taxes .....	23,266.84	\$ 186.12
Interest .....	324.34	\$ 7,461.11
Uncollected Taxes, End of Year:		
Property Taxes .....	\$54,988.31	\$ 262.50
Land Use Change Taxes .....	0.00	\$ 7,760.00
Yield Taxes .....	2,434.19	\$ 864.66
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b>379,958.98</b>	<b>\$ 89,216.13</b>
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year .....		\$ 83,809.75
Liens executed During Fiscal Year .....		\$45,741.04
Interest & Costs Coll. After Lien Execution .....		\$ 5,159.37
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>		<b>\$134,710.16</b>
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Redemption's .....		\$ 26,041.50
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution .....		\$ 5,159.37
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year .....		\$103,531.08
<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>		<b>\$134,731.95</b>

Delbert Pratt,  
Tax Collector

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1996

Cash on hand, January 1, 1996 .....	\$141,981.70
Received from:	
Tax Collector .....	\$439,990.53
Town Clerk .....	25,019.57
Selectmen .....	140,402.99
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Total Receipts .....	605,413.09
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	747,394.79
Payments by order of Selectmen .....	661,708.83
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1996 .....	\$85,685.96
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Pemigewasset National Bank .....	\$77,554.48
Mascoma Savings Bank .....	8,131.48
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	\$85,685.96
Special Donation Fund:	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1995 .....	\$1,359.39
Interest .....	8.36
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	1,367.75
For Town Hall Heat .....	(1,367.75)
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1996 .....	none
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Land Use Regulation Fund:	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1996 .....	\$4,082.70
Interest .....	136.83
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1996 .....	\$4,219.53
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Mascoma Savings Band .....	\$4,219.53
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Insurance Fund:	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1996 .....	\$1,066.48
Interest .....	25.50
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1996 .....	\$1,091.98
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Mascoma Savings Bank .....	\$1,091.98

Respectfully Submitted, Walter H. Morgan, Treasurer

# DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

## Property Taxes:

Current Year .....	\$299,066.30
Interest .....	397.30
Prior Years .....	32,540.18
Interest .....	1,929.03

## Redeemed Taxes:

Taxes, costs & interest before sale date .....	31,351.02
Costs and Interest after sale date .....	5,693.49

## Yield Taxes:

Current Year .....	23,266.84
Prior Years .....	186.12
Interest .....	10.00

Land Use Change Taxes ..... 0.00

Federal (F.E.M.A.) ..... 6,987.00

## State:

Highway Block Grant .....	25,050.26
Revenue Sharing .....	22,013.98
Rooms & Meals Tax .....	3,141.53
State Forest Land .....	760.57
Reimb. for Fire Training/Services .....	183.61

Motor Vehicles Fees ..... 23,950.25

Dog Licenses ..... 447.50

Fees: UCC, Vital Statistics, M.A.F.NSF checks ..... 662.00

NHMA Ins. (Claim against Officers' Bond) ..... 1,042.11

Supervisors of Checklist ..... 80.00

Dorchester Grange Donation (Town House heat) ..... 500.00

Refunds ..... 63.09

Overpayment on fire shirts ..... 42.72

NHMA overpayment on Comp. Funds ..... 20.37

Other: ..... 405.64

Welfare Repayment ..... 70.00

Planning Board ..... 50.00

Reimb. from Lynn Carter ..... 125.00

Copies (documents, maps, etc.) ..... 69.00

Registration of CU applications ..... 46.64

Mascoma School Reimb ..... 45.00

Special Account transferred to General Fund ..... 1,367.75

Interest on Deposits ..... 1,576.48

Tax Anticipation Loan ..... 77,000.00

Taxes bought by Town ..... 45,741.04

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1996 ..... \$605,413.09

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Cash on hand, January 1, 1996 ..... 141,981.70

Cash Available for 1996 ..... \$747,394.79

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1996 ..... \$ 85,685.96



# DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

## TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES: ..... \$9,648.22

David A.Morrill, Sclmn .....	1,500.00
Michael Landry, Sclmn .....	1,500.00
Nella H.Ashley, Sclmn .....	1,500.00
Walter H.Morgan, Treasurer .....	800.00
Christine M.Morgan, Deputy Treasurer .....	60.00
Martha Morrill, Town Clerk. (Salary+Fees).....	1,086.92
Veronica Barton, Dep. Clerk, (6 months) ....	30.00
Lynn Carter, Town Clerk(5 months) .....	625.65
DelbertPratt, Tax Collector .....	1,500.00
Marilyn Pratt, Deputy Tax Collector .....	60.00
Winslow Hallowell, Trustee of Trust Funds... ..	50.00
Brian A. Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds .....	50.00
Brenda A.Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds .....	50.00
Frances Whitehurst, Auditor .....	75.00
Martha L. Walker, Auditor .....	75.00
F.I C.A .....	685.65

## TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES: ..... \$14,053.15

Marima Belair, Sec./Bkkpr .....	6,937.51
Telephone .....	572.29
Postage .....	714.76
Office Supplies .....	998.46
Register of Deeds .....	202.10
Datown Computer Service .....	448.30
Legal Publications .....	895.42
Advertising .....	45.20
Seminars/Workshops .....	55.00
Copier .....	272.99
Mileage .....	243.35
State of NH, D.M.V. (Shortages) .....	2,042.11
Establish Petty Cash Fund (Clerk) .....	95.00
F.I.C.A .....	530.66

## REGISTRATION & ELECTION ..... \$1,673.75

Your Neighborhood Messenger, Legal Notices... ..	\$ 49.00
White Mountain Publishing, Legal Notices .....	207.85
Henry L. Melanson, Moderator .....	220.88
Frances A. Whitehurst, Supervisor of Chklst.. ..	9.00
Christine Morgan, Supervisor of Chklst .....	270.13
Marilyn Pratt, Supervisor of Chklst .....	261.13
Marima Belair, Supervisor of Checklist .....	240.88
Alice E. Melanson, Ballot Clerk .....	201.76

Mary Morrissey, Ballot Clerk .....	40.50
Rita Burcher, Ballot Clerk .....	47.50
Supplies, Postage,etc .....	26.23
FICA .....	98.89

TOWN REPORTS of1995 .....	\$1,107.50
Campton Printing .....	\$1,107.50

LAND USE BOARDS .....	\$ 121.60
Postage& mailing .....	121.60

TOWN BUILDINGS .....	\$12,098.50
Ryezak Oil Co .....	667.71
Yeaton Oil .....	30.00
Daniel Conkey, snow shoveling .....	27.71
NH Electric Co-op .....	188.25
Canaan Hdw .....	23.49
Johnson & Dix, Install furnaces .....	2,850.00
Johnson & Dix, Gas .....	254.17
Ira Young, Wiring for furnaces .....	74.45
Rand Hardware .....	6.28
Terry Goodspeed, Grounds maintenance .....	180.00
Gray Barn (Franz& Knight), Roofing .....	7,411.40
Nynex (Phone at Town House) .....	354.05
David Morrill, Reimb. (Phone for office) .....	15.99

PROPERTY APPRAISAL .....	\$ 360.00
Jim Commerford, DRA appraiser .....	\$360.00

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Protection .....	\$16,081.24
Town of Rumney .....	5,523.00
Canaan Fire Dept. (1995& 1996) .....	9,413.24
Town of Lyme .....	1,100.00
Rumney Fire Fighters .....	45.00

Forest Fire Dept .....	\$ 389.20
Jay Legg, Warden-issuing permits. ....	252.09
Fire Training(Warden & 5 deputies) .....	99.34
FICA .....	37.77

Animal Control (Salary plus mileage) .....	\$358.76
JoEllen Gove, A.C. Officer (to 5/96) .....	\$ 92.59
Jean R. Belair, A.C.O. (5/96 - 12/96) .....	248.64
FICA .....	17.53

LEGAL EXPENSES .....	\$5,489.06
Mitchell & Bates, PA .....	4,257.56
Mark Larsen, Attorney .....	646.50
Donald C.Koury, Attorney .....	585.00
HIGHWAYS,STREETS& BRIDGES .....	\$81,888.24
Town Maintenance .....	55,037.98
Highway Block Grant .....	25,050.26
F.E.M.A .....	1,800.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL .....	\$11,214.64
Town of Rumney, Transfer Station .....	11,123.91
Dues to PBSWD Planning & NHRRA .....	90.73
DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY APPROPRIATION .....	\$250.00
DORCHESTER CEMETERY APPROPRIATION .....	\$1,300.00
HEALTH .....	\$3,200.00
Canaan FAST Squad .....	750.00
Visitng Nurses of VT and NH .....	1,350.00
Senior Citizens' Council, Grafton Co .....	500.00
Plymouth Clinic .....	300.00
Plymouth Task Force Against Violence .....	300.00
WELFARE .....	\$2,886.53
General Assistance .....	1,986.68
Tri-County Assistance(CAP) .....	245.00
Plymouth Youth/Family Services .....	100.00
Mailings, Telephone .....	16.60
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director .....	500.00
F.I.C.A .....	38.25
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS .....	\$1,295.00
NHMA .....	\$500.00
NH Health Officers' Assoc .....	10.00
NH Tax Collectors' Assoc .....	15.00
NH Town Clerks' Assoc .....	20.00
NH Assessing Officials Assoc .....	20.00
Upper Valley Regional Planning Comm (2yrs) .....	730.00
INSURANCE .....	\$4,962.00
NHMA Property/Liability & Officials .....	2,895.00
Workman's Comp. (Liberty Mutual) .....	2,067.00

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION .....	\$ 107.74
Compensation Funds of NH .....	107.74
TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN .....	\$45,741.04
TAX REFUNDS .....	\$ 29.75
GRAFTON COUNTY TAX .....	\$22,744.00
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE .....	\$176.00
Fees & Dog Licenses .....	176.00
CAPITAL RESERVES .....	\$15,500.00
Town Building Fund .....	5,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund .....	5,000.00
Bridges Funds .....	2,500.00
Purchase of Town Property .....	1,000.00
Property Revaluation Fund .....	2,000.00
MASCOMA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT .....	\$331,259.28
Jan/June 1995 (\$30,092.63/mo.) .....	180,555.78
July-Oct. (\$25,277.00/mo.) .....	101,108.00
Nov.-Dec. (\$24,797.75/mo.) .....	49,595.50
DEBT SERVICE .....	\$77,785.12
T.A.Loan .....	77,000.00
T.A.Loan Interest .....	785.12
E911 AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT .....	\$64.23
Phone calls and copies .....	64.23
MISCELLANEOUS .....	\$ 75.68 Cr.
PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES .....	\$661,708.83
Receipts January 1, 1996 thru December 31, 1996 .....	\$605,413.09
Cash on hand, January 1, 1996 .....	141,981.70
Cash Available, 1996 .....	747,394.79
Disbursements, January 1, 1996 thru December 31, 1996. ....	661,708.83
Cash on hand, December 31, 1996 .....	\$ 85,685.96

# 1996 ROADS MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL .....	\$36,896.92
Salaries .....	30,479.55
George Conkey .....	16,662.50
Larry Walker .....	6,237.00
Jonathan Conkey .....	3,662.60
Louis Delsart .....	2,665.00
George Conkey, II .....	383.10
Clarence Poitras .....	342.00
Daniel Conkey .....	322.10
Gary Walker .....	191.25
John Reitsma .....	14.00
F.I.C.A .....	2,333.77
BC/BS for R.A. (Town's Share) .....	3,488.32
Ret. Fund for R.A. (Town's Share) .....	595.28
SUB-CONTRACTORS .....	\$24,800.95
Albert Clogston, Plowing .....	1,650.00
David Conkey, Plowing .....	1,190.00
Alfred Remacle, Plowing/Sand .....	498.00
Paul E. Skipper, Paving .....	1,800.00
Randy Witcher, Sweeping roads. ....	375.00
Comeau Trucking, Hauling sand .....	490.00
Complete Excavation, Haul sand. ....	315.00
James Parris, Hauling sand. ....	315.00
Gerald Blodgett, Hauling sand .....	924.00
Walker Trucking, Trucking wood. ....	100.00
Thos. Monroe, Move box trailer. ....	75.00
Norman Waldron, Haul Rubbish . ....	80.00
Hammond Trans.,Move box trailer .....	50.00
Janci, remove tires from pit .....	858.00
NH Bituminous, seal roads .....	3,353.49
Blaktop, Paving .....	12,727.46
MOTOR FUEL .....	\$2,108.77
Yeaton Oil .....	1,575.68
Shortt's Garage .....	460.04
Ryezak .....	73.05
TRUCK EXPENSE .....	\$4,279.58
Yeaton Repairs .....	1,267.03
Wilson Tire .....	2,466.61
Sanel Auto Parts .....	126.63
Shaker valley Auto Parts .....	207.28
David Morrill, Repairs .....	100.00
Hawkensen .....	34.08
Big A Plymouth .....	77.95



GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE .....	\$2,314.49
UNH Workshop .....	50.00
NH Electric Co-op .....	397.55
Louie Delsart, Electric .....	200.00
Louie Delsart, Elect. Work. ....	150.67
Sanel Auto Parts, misc .....	4.90
Citizen Pub., Ad .....	21.80
Canaan Hardware, misc .....	52.93
George Conkey, mileage .....	65.25
Shortt's Garage, misc .....	8.14
State of NH, Signs .....	150.00
Ron & Jo Milburn, Rent .....	550.00
The Feed Store, Black Plastic .....	143.50
Clayton Dunkerton, Milling. ....	275.00
Mr. Carr Pine Sales, Roofing .....	244.75
REPAIR, PURCHASE OR RENTAL OF OTHER EQUIPMENT .....	\$6,315.92
Kibby Equip. Co .....	750.51
Gary Walker, Dozer .....	1,725.00
Townline Equipment .....	1,711.02
Town of Enfield .....	1,026.39
Small Engine Technology .....	30.00
Upper Valley Equip. Rental .....	95.00
NH Hydraulics .....	675.00
Hawkensen Equip .....	150.00
Wilson Tire Co .....	33.00
Andy Moglia, Welding .....	120.00
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS .....	\$5,171.61
Arthur Whitcomb, Cold Patch .....	639.65
Chris Curtis, Sand .....	560.00
Rumney Sand & Gravel .....	2,437.50
Bill Nichols, Gravel .....	108.00
Twin State Sand & Gravel .....	218.70
Granite State Minerals, Salt .....	1,207.76

— SUMMARY —

PAYROLL .....	\$36,896.92
SUB-CONTRACTORS .....	\$24,800.95
TRUCK EXPENSE .....	\$ 4,279.58
MOTOR FUEL .....	\$ 2,108.77
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE .....	\$ 2,314.49
OTHER EQUIPMENT .....	\$ 6,315.92
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS .....	\$ 5,171.61

TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE ..... \$81,888.24

# DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Balance on hand, December 31, 1995 ..... \$ 22.92

Income during 1996:

April 1996, Town Appropriation ..... \$ 250.00

Nov. 1996, Book Sale ..... 14.05

Total cash available 1996 ..... \$ 286.97

Expenditures:

Postage ..... \$ 8.40

Insurance ..... 125.00

Books & Magazines ..... 120.25

1996 Expenses ..... \$ 253.65

Balance on hand, December 31, 1996 ..... \$ 33.32

**Library Schedule thru May 1st:**

1st Saturday each month (Mar. 1, April 5, and May 3) 10 AM to Noon

Alternate Wednesdays starting Feb. 12th 1 to 3 PM

Remaining Wednesdays in between, at Clerk's hours.

**Special request:** At off hours just phone a Trustee or member of

**Friends of Library** who will arrange the Library be opened.

The foregoing schedule was decided on since we reduce hours during the colder winter months and because our Librarian, Herb Noel, is still recuperating from an auto accident he was in last year. He informs he is somewhat better and may be able to return in a couple months. In the interim the Friends of the Library will assist.

The Friends of the Library made great effort and eliminated a back-log of books given us in the past, checking duplicate titles and ridding those and other unneeded books we had. Special thanks to Marilyn Pratt who neaten up our interior and to Alice Melanson who reports in her column Library updates.

The State Library notified us that last June the Governor signed HB 1120 providing authority for town library trustees to accept personal property donated to the library. The State Library said it is important we place an Article on this years Warrant to adopt provisions of this law, which we have done, that would remain in effect until rescinded by a vote at a subsequent town meeting. The State Library says the law may seem unnecessary as libraries have been long accepting gifts but passage in 1993 of the law allowing trustees to accept and expend monetary gifts created a question as to whether trustees could also accept non-monetary gifts, since there was no language saying they could. We are informed real property is not covered and must be done at town meeting. We hope you will support us and vote favorably on the Library article this year. Donations of books are very important to a small library such as ours. In addition to gifts of books from our residents, there are many others who make gifts such as the large print Readers Digests from Canaan Lions, the Whose Who book of students, and the most recent donation, mentioned next:

North country Library recently donated to us a 1991 set of World Book Encyclopedias (like new condition) to replace our old 1982 books. We are grateful for this wonderful addition as well as a set of 1991 hardcover Popular Science books they also gave us. We are pleased to have these available for the youngsters in town.

Make it a point to drop by more often in 1997 and see us. We try to add new titles all through the year to our shelves. We're please to have you come in.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorchester Community Library Trustees  
Mary Morrissey, Trustee





# 1996 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

## Town of Dorchester

### Lucy Hazen Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$221.83
Interest 1996 .....	10.79
Balance 12/31/96 .....	232.62

### Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$677.82
Interest 1996 .....	32.97
Balance 12/31/96 .....	710.79

### Paul Hopkins Hutchinson Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$1,128.89
Interest 1996 .....	54.95
Balance 12/31/96 .....	1,183.84

### J.C.Davenport Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$161.75
Interest 1996 .....	8.10
Balance 12/31/96 .....	169.85

### Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$284.08
Interest 1996 .....	13.68
Balance 12/31/96 .....	297.76

### Town Cemetery Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$1,784.92
Interest 1996 .....	86.88
Balance 12/31/96 .....	1,871.80

### Town Building Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$14,902.76
Interest 1996 .....	1,041.50
New Funds 1996 .....	5,000.00
Balance 12/31/96 .....	20,944.26

### Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$42,586.60
Interest 1996 .....	2,629.92
New Funds 1996 .....	5,000.00
Balance 12/31/96 .....	50,216.52

Purchase Property Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$28,141.25
Interest 1996 .....	1,660.17
New Funds 1996 .....	1,000.00
Balance 1996 .....	30,801.42

Bridges Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$11,000.87
Interest 1996 .....	710.85
New Funds 1996 .....	2,500.00
Balance 12/31/96 .....	14,211.72

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance 12/31/95 .....	\$4,265.98
Interest 1996 .....	327.42
New Funds 1996 .....	2,000.00
Balance 12/31/96 .....	6,593.40

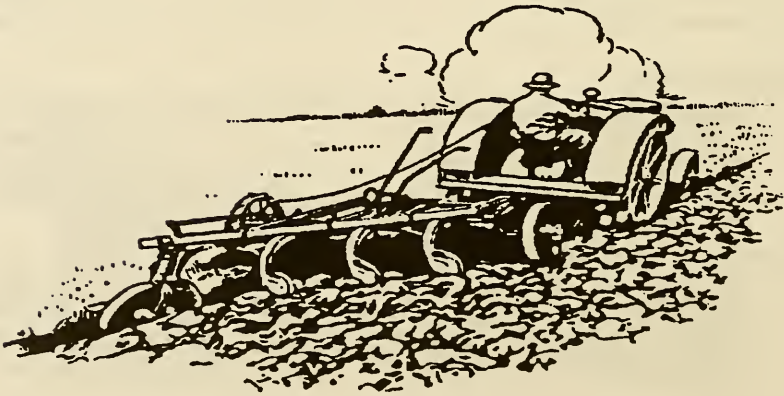
Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of Trust Funds

Brenda Howe

Brian Howe

Winslow Hallowell



# REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

We did not get to work in any of the remote cemeteries this year. The Cheever Cemetery fence was repaired and painted this year.

## Receipts:

Balance on hand December 31, 1995 .....	419.08
Town appropriation .....	1000.00
Special appropriation .....	300.00
Bank Interest earned .....	5.59
Total receipts .....	\$1724.67

## Payments:

Care of Dorchester Cemetery .....	416.00
Care of Town House Cemetery .....	152.00
Care of North Dorchester Cemetery .....	198.00
Care of Cheever Cemetery .....	424.00
Paint for Cheever Cemetery fence .....	38.61
American Legion Post #76 (flags) .....	30.00
S.S. & Medicare (1995) .....	70.15
S.S. & Medicare (1996) .....	91.08
Bank charges .....	60.00
Total Payments .....	1,479.84
Balance on hand December 31, 1996 .....	244.83

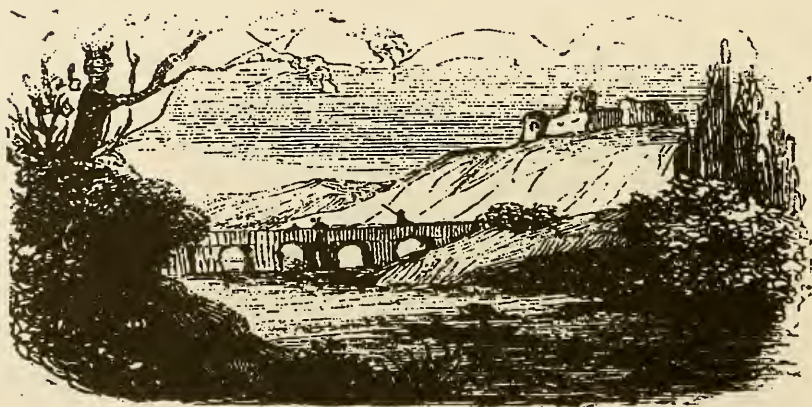
Respectively submitted,  
Christine M. Morgan  
Wellman W. Wright  
Martha L. Walker

# DORCHESTER PLANNING BOARD

The Dorchester Planning Board has been quite active during the past year. We have acted on several boundary adjustments, as well as two minor subdivisions. We welcomed Walter Morgan, as the newest member of our board.

We still have openings on the Planning Board and would welcome anyone who would like to work on the development of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Town of Dorchester. Please feel free to contact the Board of Selectmen or any member of the Planning Board for information.

The Planning Board has changed its meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month. A calendar of scheduled meetings is posted on each of the Towns two bulletin boards.



# DORCHESTER ANIMAL CONTROL

Since I took over Animal Control from JoEllen Gove in May of this year, things have been relatively quiet. There have been a few stray dogs, of which all but two were returned to their owners. Most people have been very co-operative in trying to help locate an owner or resolve a problem with a pet.

One animal, a cat, had to be taken to Concord for rabies testing. The test proved negative. So far no report of rabies in Dorchester has been reported. However, it is reported to be growing and coming closer to our neighborhood, so keep a check on you pet's shots and vaccinations. Just like your kids, they are dependent on you to see to these things for them.

Also, remember to have your dog (s) licensed. Not only is it the law, it helps return your pet to you if he happens to be lost, strayed or stolen. Dog licenses are available from your Town Clerk; pay her a visit if you haven't already done so.

Submitted by,

J. Belair





# TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Tri-County Community Action, a private, not-for-profit agency requests funding assistance for our Outreach Program in Dorchester in order to provide necessary social services. For 1997, we would like to request \$255.00 from your town. This represents a modest 4% increase over the allocation which we received from the Town of Thornton for 1996.

Thornton is served by both the CAP Outreach office located in Woodstock (usually open Fridays), and by our new office in the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth (formerly the Campton office.) Outreach Coordinators Joyce Weldon, in Woodstock and Lynn Johnson, in Plymouth, have salary and office expenses paid for three (3) months of the year by the Fuel Assistance Program Grant that we receive. The funds to keep the local Outreach office open the remaining nine (9) months of the year come from your town and neighboring towns, from some of the Community Service Block Grant funds, and from some of the NH Emergency Shelter Grant funds. We have seen a decrease in some of these funding sources, and an increase in demand for our social services in this area. Therefore, we are asking for your continued financial assistance and a small increase.

Complete statistics on clients served and related information are not yet available. We will submit these to you as soon as we are able.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact either of the Tri-County CAP staff listed below.

Sincerely,  
Phil Guiser,  
*Outreach Director*  
Lynn Johnson  
*Outreach Coordinator, Plymouth*



# 1996 COMMUNITY CONTACT REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER

Community Contact (*formerly Outreach*) is the field services arm of Tri-County Community Action. Our purpose is to assist low-income, elderly and handicapped persons to solve problems and to meet their physical and financial needs. Community Contact staff accomplish this purpose by providing information, counseling, referrals, guidance, organizational assistance, and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and utilizing community resources.

Last year the following direct financial assistance was provided by the CAP Community Contact Program in Dorchester.

	# households	amount of direct assistance
Fuel Assistance 1995 - 1996	16	\$5,712
FEMA Vouchers	1	\$114
Homeless Vouchers	1	\$200
Total Direct Assistance		\$6,026

We also provided these services to the community.

- \* Served as a conduit for government surplus food to the Mount Mooselauke Food Pantry and other pantries and soup kitchens serving the area.
- \* Provided budget counseling that includes money management, debt management and financial planning to area households.
- \* Assisted 1 Dorchester household which was homeless or in imminent danger of homelessness.
- \* Provided information and referrals to Dorchester residents regarding matters such as legal problems, landlord-tenant disputes, emergency home repairs, health-medical resources, transportation and electric utility assistance and conservation programs.

With your help, we anticipate being able to provide at least the same level of services to Dorchester this year.

# **PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

## **1996 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District committee met 6 times during the 1996 calendar year. In addition to our normal work organizing the Household Hazardous Waste program for the 11 Pemi-Baker District towns and keeping each other apprised of recycling news and initiative, this year we also renegotiated a portion of our waste disposal contract with North Country Environmental Services, and organized and sponsored a waste tire collection.

It was decided last year at budget planning time that since the turnout for the one-day HHW collections has been shrinking each year, in 1996 we would try having only an ongoing paint and battery collection program in the town which have facilities suitable for this type of collection. Ashland, Campton/Thornton, Rumney and Plymouth all collected paint for recycling and the containers of paint were picked up by our contractor, Laidlaw Environmental Services, in the fall. We received a grant for half the cost of the paint collection from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). There will be both paint and battery collections and a late-spring or early-summer one-day hazardous waste collection in 1997. Information regarding the date of the collection will be distributed at a later date.

This was our first year for a tire collection program and we had a higher participation rate than we had expected. All the district towns' residents could drop tires off - free of charge - at any one of several sites within the district during a three-week period in September and October. Turnout was very high in some towns and we disposed of better than 80 tons of used tires.

Finally, we made some changes to the contract between the District and North Country Environmental Services in Bethlehem which allows for District towns to dispose of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D), and incinerator ash at the landfill in Bethlehem, NH at very competitive prices. The new contract price negotiated was several dollars per ton lower and will save the District towns that participate in this contract a substantial amount of money over the next few years.

During the upcoming year the District committee intends to look into several options for regional cooperative projects which could ultimately save the towns money on solid waste disposal, transportation, and recycling. Anyone interested in participating in the process is welcome to attend the District meetings. Each town receives notices of upcoming meetings and information regarding the place and time of meetings should be available at your town offices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marghie Seymour, District Coordinator



# REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To Aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

## 1996 FIRE STATISTICS (Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY		CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Belknap	6	Smoking	5
Carroll	7	Debris Burning	34
Cheshire	13	Campfire	16
Coos	10	Power Line	4
Grafton	12	Railroad	2
Hillsborough	19	Equipment Use	1
Merrimack	14	Lightning	2
Rockingham	15	Children	22
Stafford	5	OHRV	1
Sullivan	6	Miscellaneous	20
Total Fires			107

**“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”**

Stephen M. Kessler  
Forest Ranger

Jay Legg  
Forest Fire Warden

# **VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.**

## **REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER**

We are very grateful for the continued support Dorchester provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

- VNA services are available to persons of all ages and all economic means.
- Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health care patient.
- Our VNA staff from the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provides skilled services for people who:
  - are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability
  - require long term care
  - need support and symptom control during a terminal illness
- Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Dorchester.

The following services were provided in the Town of Dorchester during the past year.

Hospice of the Upper Valley Volunteer Program

Visits 7/1/95-6/30/96      Nursing 42

Volunteers: Bereavement Support 38 hours

Family Support Services

Child Health Services - 5 families; 12 individuals served

WIC - 7 clients served; 32 visits

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer

# PLYMOUTH REGIONAL CLINIC

Plymouth Regional Clinic is requesting that area towns appropriate funds to the clinic in their FY 1997-98 budgets.

The Plymouth Regional Clinic is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization providing general medical care to area residents who have limited incomes and no health insurance. The clinic has been open one evening a week since July 1994 and has provided care for almost 600 patient visits.

We have seen patients of all ages and for varying medical complaints, from minor ailments to life-threatening illness, with many seeking treatment for illnesses or conditions which have gone unattended because the patient could not afford medical care. Our volunteer social workers have assisted many patients in identifying other available services which might help them. The enclosed brochure provides more information on our services and eligibility requirements.

Please note that in July of this year, the clinic moved to the offices of Family Planning at the Whole Village Family Resource Center on Highland Street and changed its evening of operation to Tuesdays.

Plymouth Regional Clinic has managed to keep its operating expenses low through the generous donation of in-kind services and space by Family Planning, Plymouth State College, Spaulding Memorial Hospital and area businesses; as well as the volunteer services provided by area physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers and others. As in the past, the clinic is seeking funds for three main purposes, among others: to cover operating expenses such as insurance, medical and office supplies, and licensing fees; to hire a part-time administrator to ensure the clinic's effective ongoing operation; and to create a fund to allow the clinic to pay for patient prescriptions—one of the highest medical costs many patients face.

In order to raise the necessary funds, Plymouth Regional Clinic will solicit donations from area individuals businesses, and will be applying for grant money. In addition, the clinic is requesting that area towns place in their 1997 budgets (for Fiscal Year 1998) an appropriation of \$1,000 dollars, or any portion of this which the town feels is appropriate. It is hoped that the towns will realize some savings in the medical account of their welfare budgets due to the availability of the clinic's services.

If you have questions not addressed in the enclosed brochure or would like more information, please feel free to call the Clinic Administrator, Eileen Towne, at 536-4467.

We hope the towns will support our efforts to meet the medical needs of community members who cannot afford health care. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent Scalese,

President, Board of Directors, Plymouth Regional Clinic



# COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present the following reports and financial statements. We hope they will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operation and assure citizens that their County tax dollars have been expended wisely.

During FY 1996, funds received exceeded the Budget by \$895,242.84 for a total of \$16,366,912.84 in actual County revenues. This was primarily due to the receipt of Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment, given by the Federal Government to partially offset the cost of serving a disproportionate share of Medicaid recipients at the Grafton County Nursing Home. The actual Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment was \$377,952. Actual expenditures totaled \$15,797,915.10, which was \$324,245.10 more than had been budgeted. The over-expenditure was due to the County's payment to the State which allowed us to receive the Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment.

Expenditures for Medical Referee, Dispatch Center, County Jail, Wage & Benefit Adjustment, were over budget, but all other departments were well under their budgeted amounts.

The bottom line for FY 1996 shows that revenues exceeded expenditures by \$568,997.74, leaving the County in a sound financial position at the end of its fiscal year. The Commissioners feel extremely proud of this financial picture, which exemplifies good management by all County department heads, both elected and appointed.

Grafton County experienced some major occurrences during FY 1996, some of which were: the formation of the Grafton County Regional Economic Development Council and its Board of Directors; the December hostage situation at the Grafton County Department of Corrections; the Whole Village Family Resource Center, Inc. project was completed with 12 agencies being housed inside the facility in Plymouth; the Grafton County Nursing Home became Medicare certified as of November 1, 1996; the E-911 System came on line at the Grafton County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center in July of 1995; long-time Dietary Supervisor Edna Bowley retired in December; the electronic monitoring program at the Grafton County Department of Corrections continues to grow as well as its new, expanded Drug Freedom Program, which is funded by a grant through the Attorney General's Office.

All other County departments were extremely busy during FY 1996. The County Treasurer continues to do an excellent job investing County funds, and investment income exceeded the County Budget figure by \$45,797.26. The County Attorney performs well in his office and the number of backlogged cases has been reduced drastically. His relationship with local law enforcement agencies has improved the overall operations of that office. Once again, the activity in the Sheriff's

Department, through Dispatch, increases with activity yet remains as effective and efficient as always. Carol Elliott, Register of Deeds, and her staff also continue to be overwhelmed with work and do an excellent job to generate a great deal of revenue for Grafton County and the State of New Hampshire.

For FY 1996, the Commissioners concluded with preparation of the FY 1997 County Budget, which was adopted by the County Legislative Delegation in late June. The Grafton County Board of Commissioners holds regular weekly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the County Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm, and Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public with interested citizens and members of the press encouraged to attend. Call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 to confirm date, time, and schedule.

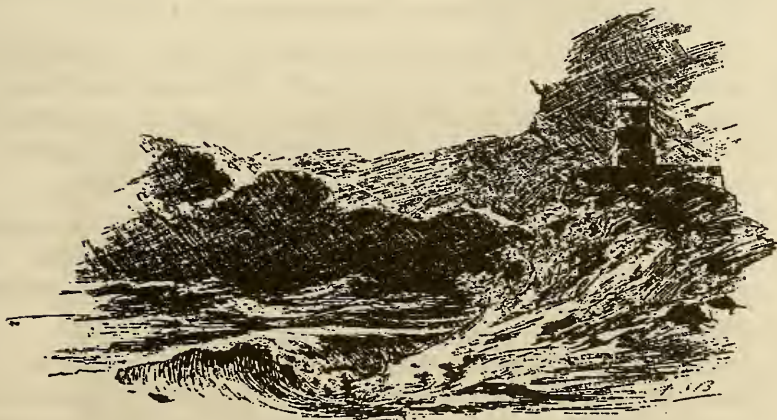
In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to all staff members, elected officials, and other agency personnel, and the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

#### GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Barbara B. Hill, Chair (District 1)

Steve Panagoulis, V-Chair (District 3)

Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)





# REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

It is an honor to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. The Executive Council is five in number and serves much like a Board of Directors at the top of your Executive Branch of State Government in Concord. We vote on most contracts over \$2,500 to outside agencies, individuals and municipalities, also major permits to use state waters. 267 unclassified positions as Commissioners and Directors within the Executive Branch of State Government and the entire Judicial Branch of NH State Government is voted in by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council. We also vote on gubernatorial nominations of hundreds of citizens to various boards and commissions as prescribed by NH Law.

Anyone desiring further information should write or call our State House Office (listed below).

Citizens in this region should be attentive to several projects:

- 1) The statewide Health Care Council's 18 month planning project will be coming to conclusion in December of 1997. There are three very active Councils in this District. Information can be obtained by calling Commissioner Terry Morton, Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-852-3345.
- 2) The ten year highway planning process will be underway this coming summer and fall. I will be conducting at least three hearings in this district to ascertain regional needs. Information on this Project can be obtained by calling Commissioner Leon Kenison, Department of Transportation at 271-3735.
- 3) The NH Joint Tourist Promotional Program will, I expect, be funded at least with \$500,000 to be matched by local Chamber of Commerce and tourists groups to promote your region. Information on this program is available from Commissioner Robb Thomson, Department of Resources and Economic Development at 271-2411.
- 4) There is approximately \$172,000 waiting to be matched by local economic development promotion dollars from local groups. Information can be obtained on this program from Director Norman Storrs, Economic Development at 271-2341.
- 5) There is about 10 million dollars waiting for application from local governments for Community Development Block Grants to improve your local town and area. Information on how to apply can be obtained by calling Director Jeff Taylor, Office of State Planning at 271-2155.

6) Local towns, cities, counties and eligible organizations should be aware of the large Federal and State Surplus Distribution Programs (the state surplus distribution center is open to the public at White Farm on Clinton Street in Concord, NH on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). Further information may be obtained by calling Supervisor Art Haeussier, Surplus Distribution at 271-2602.

7) Citizens and groups concerned with disabilities should be aware of the large number of services available from the Developmental Disabilities council by calling Director Alan Robichaud at 271-3236.

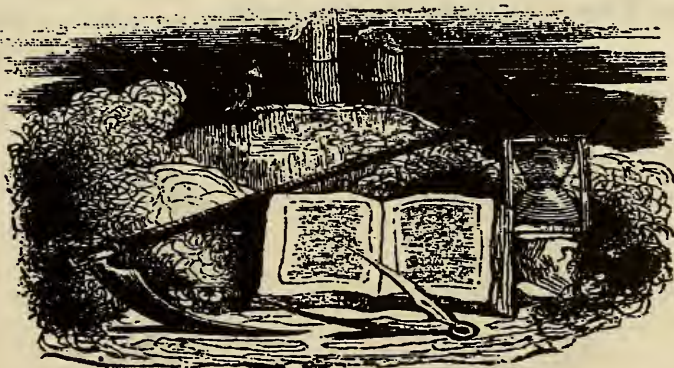
8) The Department of Environmental Services covering water, sewers, air, lakes and rivers has available information and financial resources by calling Commissioner Rober Varney or Assistant Commissioner Dana Bisbee at 271-3503.

9) The Department of Health and Human Services including elderly, mental health, human services, public health, drug and alcohol abuse are all under Commissioner Terry Morton at 1-800-852-3345.

Our State Government is small, effective and efficient. It is amazing how many services both technical information and financial assistance is available to eligible applicants and for proposals.

Please call my office at any time. I am at your service.

Raymond S. Burton  
State House - Room 207  
Concord, NH 03301  
Tel. (603) 271-3632



# **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL , INC.**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to enhance the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long a possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1996, 25 older residents of Dorchester were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services. These individuals enjoyed balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources by our lift-equipped buses, and found opportunities to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through volunteer service. The cost to provide these services to Dorchester residents was \$5,358.68.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Dorchester were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Dorchester community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin, ASCW  
*Executive Director*



## Statistics for the Town of Dorchester October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 25 Dorchester residents (out of 64 residents over 60, 1990 Census.)

Services	Type of Service	Units of Service	x	Unit(1) Cost	=	Total Cost of Service
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	568	x	\$4.91		\$2,788.88
Transportation	Trips	344	x	\$6.47		\$2,225.68
Adult Day Service	Hours	-0-	x	\$3.69		\$ -0-
Social Services	Half-Hours	28	x	\$12.29		\$344.12
Activities		18		N/A		

Number of Dorchester Volunteers: 5. Number of Volunteer Hours: 380.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Dorchester residents only	\$5,358.68
Request for Senior Services for 1996	\$500.00
Received from Town of Dorchester for 1996	\$500.00
Request for Senior Services for 1997	\$500.00

### NOTES:

1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.

2. Services were funded by:

Federal and State Programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United way 14%, Contributions 12%, in-Kind donation 20%, Other 1%, Friends of GCSCC 2%.





# COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

From Audited Financial Statement for GCSCC

Fiscal years 1995/1996

October 1 - September 30

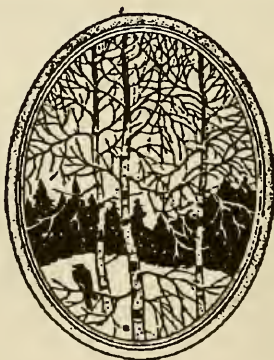
## UNITES OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY 1995	FY 1996
Dining Room Meals	61,823	65,473
Home Delivered Meals	100,938	102,677
Transportation (Trips)	39,655	38,976
Adult Day Service (Hours)	12,155	11,015
Social Services (1/2 Hours)	10,730	9,541

## UNITS OF SERVICE COSTS

	FY 1995	FY 1996
Congregate/Home		
Delivered Meals	\$4.33	\$4.91
Transportation (Trips)	5.46	6.47
Adult Day Service	2.71	3.69
Social Services	11.90	12.29

For all units based on Audit Report, October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996.





# PEMI-BAKER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL, INC.

The Pemi-Baker Youth & Family Services Council, Inc. is an organization that is dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches which aid in the development of healthy youths and their families. The Council currently coordinates four programs which are available to people in Eastern Grafton County (Lincoln to Alexandria):

1. **Juvenile Court Diversion** - a voluntary program for first time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable for their actions without going to court. The Diversion process involves the participants with volunteers from the community who develop a contract with each youth and their family. Contracts may include community service, referrals to other human service agencies and programs, personal development tasks, etc. We have found that, of the 39 students who graduated from Diversion in 1995, more than 89% have not committed a subsequent offense since.

2. **The Challenge Course** - a 15-hour early intervention program for teens which focuses on issues surrounding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Courses are non-judgmental and confidential. Teens in the small groups are asked to assess their relationships with these substances and learn what they can do to reduce their use or stop using entirely. Additional topics of discussion include high-risk behaviors and HIV/AIDS education.

3. **Information and Referral** - provides area residents with a clearinghouse of information on regional human service agencies and programs. People with a variety of needs can receive free and confidential assistance on how to report suspected child abuse, how to access public assistance or counseling services, where to find after-school activities for children, etc. The Council also publishes a comprehensive Guide to Community Resources for use by towns, police, schools and other human service providers.

4. **The Rated PG Program** - a new program for parents and guardians who would like to receive more information about alcohol and other drugs. The program discusses how to talk with their kids about these subjects without running into a brick wall. It also provides information on what they and their children can do to reduce the risk of ever experiencing an alcohol-related health or impairment problem.

In the past year, the Council: has become one of the agencies working to-

gether in the Whole Village Family Resource Center; continued to co-write the semi-monthly "Families First" column in the Record Enterprise; provided administrative support to the 5th Annual Conference for Parents; and, involved the eighth grade students at PES in the Middle School Challenge Course.

In addition to the programs listed above, in 1997 we will also be: coordinating a conference for all 200 eighth graders in SAU#48 and Ashland; expanding our presence in the Lincoln, Newfound and other areas; and, organizing several other exciting projects in the 7+ communities we serve.

**TOTAL SERVICE FIGURES FOR THE COUNCIL  
IN 1996 ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Juvenile Court Diversion	27
Challenge Course	11
Information and Referral	122
Middle School Challenge Course	60

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven P. Bradley,  
*Executive Director*

# **Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence**

**P.O. Box 53 — Plymouth, N.H. 03264**

**Crisis Line: (603) 536-1659 — Office: (603) 536-3423**

On behalf of the Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, I would like to thank you for your past support. During 1996, your contribution helped the 364 clients that the Task Force served. This includes 58 women and children that were housed at the Task Force Shelter. The following Task Force services are provided free of charge.:

- \* 24 hour crisis line staffed by trained volunteers.
- \* Confidential emergency shelter, food and transportation.
- \* Support groups for domestic violence survivors. Separate support groups serve adults and children.
- \* Hospital and police accompaniment. Court and social service advocacy.
- \* Community education programs for schools, civic organizations, etc. Training programs for volunteers, law enforcement, and other professionals.
- \* Peer education programs in area high schools, covering domestic violence and building healthy relationships.
- \* Walk-in office at Whole Village Family Resource Center.

This year we are requesting \$300 from the town of Dorchester to further support our services to both adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence. The amount requested is based on town population from the 1990 census.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Amy Gilsdorf  
Administrative Director

## MARRIAGES

Date/Place	Groom/Bride	Residence	Names of Parents
Feb. 29, 1996 Dorchester	Michael John Barton	Dorchester	Wayne H. Barton Carol J. Sturtevant
	Veronica Lynn Hill	Dorchester	James A. Piascik Clara L. Landon
Aug. 3, 1996 Dorchester	Shawn P. Farnsworth	Canaan	Henry Farnsworth Carla Colburn
	Yarrow A. Jones	Dorchester	Bruce Jones Sharon Webb
Sept. 21, 1996 Dorchester	Nadine I. Conkey	Dorchester	George C. Conkey Nadine A. Conkey
	Timothy Kraft	Canaan	

## BIRTHS

Date	Name of Child	Sex	Mother's Name	Father's Name	Mother born	Father born
4/24/96	Cody Adams Rowe	M	Monica Rowe	Joseph Poitras	NH	NH
6/11/96	Matthew Dillon Conkey	M	Dawn Curran	Daniel L. Conkey	MA	NH

## DEATHS

Date	Place	Name	Age	Father's Name	Mother's Name
1/13/96	Wh R. Jct., VT	Ernest J. Hanley	69	Ernest Hanley	Edith Crosby
7/27/96	Lebanon, NH	Frances Adair Whitehurst	75	Bertram Whitehurst	Beatrice Hutchinson
9/19/96	Dorchester, NH	Matilda Joanna Ernst	81	Ernest Rogalski	Antonia Rowolski
11/10/96	Massachusetts	Bryce Russell		(No statistics available)	

# SUMMARY OF 1996 DORCHESTER TOWN MEETING

The election of Town officials was held on Tuesday March 12, 1996. The voting on Articles 1 & 2 were also voted on. Polls opened at 11:00 am and closed at 7:00 pm. The remaining business was conducted on Saturday, March 16, 1996.

Number of voters on checklist: 253

Number of voters who voted: 126

Article 1: To chose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of the election are as follows:

Selectman for 3 years: Nella Ashley  
Treasurer for 1 year: Walter H. Morgan  
Tax Collector for 1 year: Delbert Pratt  
Town Clerk for 1 year: Lynn Carter  
Road Agent for 1 year: George C. Conkey  
Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years: Marima Belair  
Auditor for 1 year choose 2: Martha Walker  
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Brian Howe  
Trustee of Cemetery for 3 years: Wellman Wright  
Library Trustee: Mary Morrissey  
Moderator for 2 years: Henry Melanson  
Supervisor of Checklist for 2 years: Marilyn Pratt

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provision of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town. (By petition)

Article passed.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to adopt polling hours in Dorchester at all State Elections, beginning with the 1996 State General Election, under which the polls shall open not later than 11:00 in the morning.

Article passed.

Article 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.



Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax deed property by public auction, sealed bid, or as justice may require in accordance with RSA 80:80. This shall include the authority to deed a parcel back to the previous owner in return of payment of all past due taxes, interest, and other and any costs incurred by the Town and taxes which would have been assessed if the property had not been tax deeded. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any such sale. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend federal and state grants which may become available during the course of the year, in accordance with RSA 31:95-B, and also to accept and expend money from any other governmental unit or private source to be used for purposes for the town may legally appropriate money. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500.00), to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund	\$ 5,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund	5,000.00
Bridges Fund	2,500.00
Purchase of Town Property Fund	1,000.00
Revaluation of Property Fund	2,000.00
Recommended by Selectmen.	

Article 7 passed.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of making improvements to the Town House. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed after much discussion.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the purpose of purchasing a small vehicle for the Town Highway Department. Recommended by Selection. John Franz recommended an amended article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing a small vehicle for the Town Highway Department, said funds to be withdrawn from capital reserve fund for highway equipment and maintenance fund.

\* Defeated.

Article 9 passed as originally read.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the repairing of Town Bridges, with this appropriation to be funded by withdrawal of the entire amount from the Capital Reserve Bridges Fund. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the cost associated with development of E911 and Emergency Management in the Town. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 12: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars(\$1,500.00) for the purpose of covering the costs associated with quitting the Curtis sand and gravel pit. Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-five thousand fourteen dollars and ninety cents (\$165,014.90) to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts raised in Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12). Recommended by Selectmen.

Article passed.

Article 14: To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Article passed.

Nella Ashley asked all to thank Gene Pratt for all the times he comes up to warm up the Town House for various meetings.

Blanche MacDonald did ask why the Town had paid legal fees for Mr. Morrill, much discussion.

Wayne Comeau, wanted to know if the Town had any road projects in the works for this year. Michael Landry says fixing S. Wentworth Rd. at intersection. We will not be paving any roads.

Mike Landry asked all to keep in mind we are looking for land and if any one has any ideas please come and talk to the Board.

These minutes were transcribed by Lynn Carter, Town Clerk for Dorchester, from minutes taken from the meeting and also a tape of the meeting. Both are on file with Town Clerks office.

— NOTES —



*This Millstone was found near the ruins of the Norris home.  
It has since been removed by a more recent owner.*

Nathaniel Norris of Pembroke came to Dorchester before 1800 and settled on the westerly side of the pond, which for many years bore his name.

The 1806 map, *found inside the front cover*, shows the many mills which were powered by water from this pond. Most of these, he operated until his death in 1848.

He and his wife, Lucy (Hazeltine) Norris, became parents of eleven children, all born here. Two of their sons became Methodist Ministers.

Nathaniel and Lucy are buried in the old Norris Cemetery not far from these mills.

